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"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" – Gospel Hymn (King James Version Inspiration)

Background and Biblical Basis

- "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" is a classic gospel hymn written in 1887 by Anthony J. Showalter (music and refrain) and Elisha A. Hoffman (verses)[1] [2].
- The hymn was inspired by Deuteronomy 33:27 (KJV): "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms"[3] [1] [2].

Lyrics (Excerpt)

> What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
> Leaning on the everlasting arms!
> What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
> Leaning on the everlasting arms!
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> Leaning, leaning,
> Safe and secure from all alarms;
> Leaning, leaning,
> Leaning on the everlasting arms[4] [3] [1] [5] [6].

Theme

- The hymn expresses the assurance, peace, and security found in trusting God, echoing the promise of God's unfailing support in the King James Bible[3] [2].

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1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leaning_on_the_Everlasting_Arms
2. https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-leaning-on-the-everlasting-arms
3. https://hymnary.org/text/what_a_fellowship_what_a_joy_divine
4. https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/558
5. http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/l/e/a/n/leanarms.htm
6. https://www.blueletterbible.org/hymns/l/Leaning_On_The_Everlasting_Arms.cfm